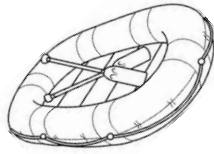


The Royal Welsh Challenge

11.00am On Saturday 19th May 2018



In the spirit of the Three Peaks Race, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake Nautical Orienteering in the sheltered waters of the Menai Strait between Belan Narrows and Britannia Bridge. Winds are expected to be below F6 and the tide not to exceed 5Knots.

Using your nautical skills you will need to deliver your 'runner' safely to the shore so they can collect the various orienteering marks. The "marks" will not be more than 25 metres from High Water Springs (HWS)

How good is your knowledge of the tides? Do you know where all the eddies and sand banks are? Now is the time to find out. Your challenge is to find a series of up to 10 'Marks' that are located in the area from Belan Narrows to Britannia Bridge and get back to **Caernarfon** before **16.15** when the Victoria Dock flap gate is raised or the river starts to dry out.

You can choose to enter in any class of seaworthy craft (see entry form). On the morning of the event you will be given your 'sealed orders' at 9.00am. The crews will then be able to plan their tidal strategy before the start at 11.00.

While the start line is off Caernarfon it is possible to enter/ start from Port Dinorwic and collect 'Orders' from there.

Please find attached an entry form. There will be limits on the numbers in each class and the overall number of crews participating, so all entries are on a first come basis.

There will be food available but more details about the cost and the event will be sent out after receipt of entry.

Please e-mail entry form to menaichallenge@gmail.com

Please give a mobile contact number as it will allow us to circulate important information quickly.

The emergency contact number for the event is **07935 971964** on the day.

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Eligible Craft

All must have insurance cover

Class 1	Cruising sailing craft with engine (with use of tender with no engine)
Class 2	Sailing Dinghy or Day boat no engine (except emergency)
Class 3 a	Rowing boat
3b	Rowing boat Celtic Longboat
3c	Rowing boat Yawl
Class 4	Canoe or Kayak (single / double) delete
Class 5	Dinghy with small outboard. Min crew 2

In the spirit of the event, Class 1 Cruisers should use sail where ever practical.

ENTRY FORM

Please send Entry to menaichallenge@gmail.com

Craft Name	Class of Entry	
Sail No Description	Hull colour	
Entrants Details Name	RWYC member If no state club	Yes / No
Address		
Post Code	Mob Phone	
e-mail (print)		
Entrant Signature		I am over 18 year old YES / NO
<small>Accepting rules, conditions and the published risk statement and confirming adequate insurance</small>		
I intend to start at Caernarfon / Port Dinorwic		
COST entry per boat £6.00	Payable on the day	
Approximate number of crew Food details will be sent later subject to numbers attending		
Do you require Marina Berth for Fri / Sat		
Special offer for registered competitors		

Rules, Information, Advice and FAQ

Every entrant should be prepared to act as a safety boat and render assistance to other competitors in the event of emergency. Monitor VHF Channel 77

All craft to fly a White flag on the backstay or where ever practical. (Not masthead)

All competitors in small boats are to carry a whistle & wear a white vest, T-shirt or tabard over their buoyancy aid, for easier identification of competitors.

If you retire and do not go back to the Royal Welsh Clubhouse, you must let us know!!!

Phone 07935 971964 or be prepared to donate to RNLI; who will be out searching.

The list of MARKS will be available from the Caernarfon Marina Dock Office Car Park at 09.00; two hours before the start time. This will be an A4 laminated sheet of instructions and grid references. The Mark outside the club cannot be done as a first or last Mark!!!

Each vessel will be issued with an event number which should be pinned to their 'runners' white vest / T-shirt.

The Start line is off Porth Yr Aur. However, it may be possible to start at Port Dinorwic Marina. Please specify a preference on your entry form.

The Finish line will be located close to the bar in the Royal Welsh Yacht Club. Your 'runner' or crew member will present their punched card to an event official.

High Water Caernarfon on Saturday 19th May 2018 is 13.33 BST

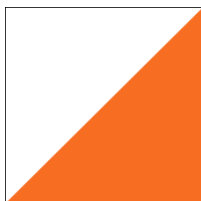
Running aground on top of this tide is not advisable as the next higher tide is **13th June**.

The Start Signals will be the Marina Light turning to GREEN and a cannon fired at 11.00.

You need to return before 16.15, when Marina lights go back to Red

The safety craft will need to be back on their moorings by that time when the river dries.

This is the Mark you will be looking out for. They will be displayed facing seaward, the Mark will be 300 x 300mm (sheet steel) and fixed on a metal frame close to MHS.



A Red punch will be attached to the frame use this to leave an imprint on your score card in the box provided.



Orienteering Punch

In addition each Mark will have a number. If the punch gets stolen, write the number on your card with felt pen/marker

FAQ

Can my children (under 18) enter?

No, but they of course can be part of your crew.

Do I need insurance?

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Can I enter and start from Port Dinorwic / Felinheli

Yes, a standard time calculation will be made and the race instructions issued at the same time. More will be revealed on receipt of entry form.

Will there be restrictions on engine sizes and or speed?

Yes, because this is not a powerboat race. It is about your planning skills, knowledge and seamanship.

What if the weather is bad?

A poor weather alternative will be planned. It is left to the entrants' discretion and their own assessment of conditions whether they choose to participate. (Communications on the day will be by mobile / text)

What happens if I miss one or more Marks out due to lack of time?

You still have a chance as the results are based on number of Marks and time.

Are there any prizes?

Yes.

Is the event suitable for a solo kayaker or rower?

If you are suitably experienced and know the waters well, then provisionally, yes. However, we would recommend a minimum group of three.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to provide their own safety equipment.

Can I enter on the Day?

Only if there is space in your category, but it will cost you more and numbers are strictly limited.

What do I do if the Marina is closed and the river dry when I finish?

The only alternative is anchoring or a visitors mooring. The 16.15 finish time should be foremost in your planning.

Any questions or more information try [menaichallenge @ gmail.com](mailto:menaichallenge@gmail.com) (not monitored 24 hr)

Risk Statement, although this event is not a 'race,' thought should be given to the risks.

The Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 'Boating' is by its nature an unpredictable activity and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in all sports and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;*
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore, and will carry adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons on board;*
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;*
- d) Their vessel is in good order and equipped to participate in the event*
- e) The provision of safety boats and other marshals and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities;*
- f) It is the responsibility of the entrant to familiarise themselves with any potential risks specific to this event and to attend any safety briefing held.*
- g) Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.*